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SUBJECT: WESTINGHOUSE URANIUM PROJECT IN SOMALIA

- 1. DAVID B. DAWSON OF WYOMING MINERALS CORPORATION, THE WESTINGHOUSE SUBSIDIARY EXPLORING THE POSSIBILITY OF URANIUM MINING IN SOMALIA, HAS RETURNED FROM MOGADISCIO AND INFORMS DEPT THAT NEXT DESIRED MOVE IS TO SEND TEAM TO SOMALIA TO MAKE AN ECONOMIC FEASIBILITY STUDY. STUDY WOULD ADDRESS QUESTIONS OF INFRASTRUCTURE IN AREA (ROADS ETC.), WOULD DELINEATE AREA OF ORE BODY AND ASCERTAIN ITS OVERALL GRADE, WOULD CONDUCT BENEFICIATION TESTS (HOW TO SEPARATE THE ORE FROM THE HOST ROCK) AND WOULD STUDY LOCAL HYDROLOGY TO DISCOVER WHETHER ADEQUATE WATER FOR PROCESSING IS AVAILABLE.
- 2. DAWSON HAD MEANT TO SEND TEAM ON JANUARY 9 BUT HAS BEEN TOLD BY MINISTRY OF MINING THAT HE SHOULD POSTPONE VISIT. HE HAS THEREFORE PROPOSED THROUGH AMBASSADOR ADDOU THAT VISIT BE RESCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 23 BUT HAS NOT YET RECEIVED REPLY.
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3. DAWSON REMAINS OPTIMISTIC CONCERNING POSSIBLE PARTNERS FOR WESTINGHOUSE. HE CLAIMS STRONG EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FROM A SCANDINAVIAN CONSORTIUM, THE ROMANIANS AND THE BULGARIANS.
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